

Legion's Remembrance Day Poster and Literacy Contest winners celebrated



By: Jane Dougan

Family and friends were at the Royal Canadian Legion Acton Branch 197 on Sunday to congratulate winning students in the 2016 Remembrance Day Poster and Literacy Contest.

Youth Education Program Coordinator Sharon Graham has overseen the Acton program for seven years. "The young people really care and their work

is amazing. We get all the students coming out now for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, not just from a few grades, and that means a lot."

The annual Legion contest is held across Canada towards fostering the tradition of Remembrance Day amongst Canadians. Entries are divided into four categories: Senior (Grade 10-12), Intermediate (Grade 7-9), Junior (Grade 4-6) and Primary (Poster Contest only) Grades 1-3. The Poster Contest is divided into Colour, Black and White, and the Literary Contest is divided into Essay and Poem divisions.

Nicole Sawrantschuk won First Place, Senior Colour Poster. Her winning entry will be held on display at the Legion. Nicole said, "It was an honour to win." Nicole's striking entry featured "a soldier and horse together so that both would be remembered. A lot of people

forget about the horses that died in war and all the good things they did for us as well."

Amaris Metcalfe, who won First Place in the Primary Colour Poster, focused on poppies for her drawing "as the main flower for Remembrance Day." Amaris "completely freaked out" when she got the letter saying that she'd been awarded First Place. Her mother Tara said, "We're very proud of her. As a family, we don't talk about Remembrance Day too much because the children are still young. We do talk about their great-grandparents being part of World War II, and we have family members who are in the military now serving our country."

Notices will go out to schools in September about this year's contest, with entries submitted to the Legion in time for judging by Remembrance Day 2017.

LEGION NEWS

By: Sharon Graham P.R.O. ~ Branch 197



Our Poppy Poster Awards were Sunday, January 29. It was so nice to see the students so excited to receive their awards. Thank you to the parents and grandparents for coming out to see the students receive their awards. Thank you Peggy Graham, Bev Baddeley and Mike Hedley for helping with the awards. Thank you Tammy White and John Knight for cooking the hotdogs and serving. The parents and kids really enjoyed them. I had one little boy come up and thank me so much for his award and putting the event on for the students. I told him it was because of him that we do this. Their work says it all. It was all beautiful, and they know what Remembrance Day is all about. Thank you to the students and teachers for your hard work.

Winter horseshoes is always lots of fun even if there is not much snow. They had a great day.

We have resumed our winter hours on January 16. Check postings on doors for these hours.

Washer toss has started again on Monday evenings. We have also started an 8-ball league. If you are interested, come in on Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m. and sign up, or let

bartender know you are interested by phoning the Branch at 519-853-0910.

February 11 is our Lady's Appreciation Night at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and dance the night away with jukebox Saturday Night Peter Smith. This is an open dance and no charge. So put on your dancing shoes and come out and join the fun.

February 20 is our Family Fun Day. This is always a good day for the kids as well as parents. We are looking for a committee to help with this day. If interested, please leave your name at the bar.

Check the boards behind the bar for upcoming events. We invite people to join our Legion. If you are 18, you are eligible to join. Pick up an application at the bar or at legion.ca under membership section.

Please do not forget to wear red on Fridays. It is very important we support our troops. If you wear red on Fridays, your name will be entered for a draw and you will have a chance to win a prize. We need to let our troops know that we care and support them all over.

Members, your membership chair needs to know if you are moving or have changed your phone number. If you have and you

have not let them know, can you please come into the bar and give them either your new number or address? Also, some members have not paid their 2017 dues. You can do this at the bar as soon as possible.

If you have nothing to do on a Thursday afternoon, why not come to the Branch and play euchre? Our lady's auxiliary host the euchre every Thursday afternoon. It starts at 1:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. If you are not sure how to play euchre, they can show you.

Ladies Auxiliary notes

LA members you must do three events in order to attend the appreciation dinner held in February, and this does not mean those ladies with years of service as they have already and still do their volunteer work. You know who you are and we need your help. Remember this is a volunteer organization. Step up and volunteer. Also, we are still looking for students who need to do their community service work. We would love to have you come and work along with us. Call the Branch and leave your name with the bartender if you are willing to help the LA and I will get back to you.

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

Have you picked up your latest copy of Hillsview? If you have, you will notice that we have lots of new programs offered over the next three months in addition to our regular programs.

There will be no Wednesday evening Euchre or Saturday evening Bingo this month. The next Euchre evening will be Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. and the Saturday Bingo on March 18.

On Thursday, February 16 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. there is a presentation on Internet privacy. I am sure we have all heard horror stories about identity theft and "hacking". It seems even government services have a problem with security. Sign up and learn how to protect yourselves.

On Tuesday, February 7 at 1 p.m. there will be a display of beautiful Avon Jewellery. This would

make a lovely gift for you or a friend and just in time for Valentine's Day.

Have you purchased your ticket for the Valentine social dinner on Monday, February 13? We always enjoy the Swiss Chalet chicken, baked potato and coleslaw delivered hot from the Georgetown restaurant. Ronnie Russell will be entertaining us. The cut-off date for ticket sales will be Friday, February 10 at 4 p.m.

The book club will be meeting on February 22 at 7 p.m. This month they will be discussing 'The Couple Next Door' by Shari Lapena. If you are interested, ask Wendy or Michelle for your copy of the book.

If you feel you are in need of a little exercise over the winter months, Life-mark in conjunction with LHIN offer several free one hour exercise programs.

On Monday and Friday at 1 p.m. there is a Falls Prevention Program followed at 2 p.m. by an Osteoporosis Program. There is also Chair Yoga on Mondays at 3 p.m. and Simply Stretch on Fridays at 3 p.m.

Are you are looking for something a little more intense? On Monday mornings at 9 a.m. there is a *Pay as you Go* Bone Builder class, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Zumba Gold and on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Tai Chi. These *Town Pay as you Go* programs are for Hillsview members only. These programs are perfect if you are a person with lots of appointments, baby sit grandchildren or are lucky enough to take lots of vacations.

Lunch on Friday, February 10 will be Lasagna, salad and garlic bread plus dessert, tea and coffee followed by Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Tea

Saturday, Feb 11th 11a.m - 2p.m.

Acton Trinity United Church
70 Mill St. E. Acton

Tea includes: sandwiches, scones, veggie tray, wraps, squares and cookies & coffee and tea

Cost is \$10
Children 6 and under free

Large groups welcome for Tea - Please call 519-853-1081 to make a reservation

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